

Subject: Paper on Possible Link between Contaminants in Victoria Sewage and Contaminants in Southern Resident Killer Whales

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Message to Mr. Brian Gorman (Please forward);

Hello, Mr. Gorman! My name is Dr. Gerald graham and I am a marine environmental consultant based in Victoria. I have written a paper entitled "**Is Victoria Sewage Contaminating Southern Resident Killer Whales?**" which I believe you an the SRKW recovery team may find of interest. It was submitted in April of this year to the SETAC expert panel reviewing the issue of Victoria's raw sewage disposal. The gist of the paper is that while there is little firm proof of such a link (with the possible exception of PCBs), there are indicators which suggest there may well may. Thus, one is faced with a choice - conduct more research or take the more prudent approach and stop risking the survival of the orcas.

You can download the report off the web by going to the [Victoria Sewage Alliance](#) web site and clicking on the T Buck Suzuki Foundation hyperlink on the third substantive line of text.

Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss my paper. My number is 250-480-5580.

Sincerely,

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